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A report containing information on the Administration for Building Material
Enterprises of the Coal Industry in Katowice

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1. The Administration for Building Material Enterprises of the Coal Industry (Zarząd Zakładów Materialów Budowlanych Przemysłu Węglowego) was a government administrative office, equal to a central administration; it had been created about 1954 and since 1957 had been subordinate to the Ministry of Coal Mining and Electric Power. Its main task was supervision and coordination of production and supplies of all kinds of building materials such as bricks, clinkers, lime, construction stones, gravel, sand, and prefabricated units, exclusively for the coal industry. The administration's head office had a staff of about 120 persons and was located in Katowice at 48 Francuska Street in a brick, one-storyed, barracks-type building. It controlled six enterprises which were in charge of over 150 various plants and establishments producing building materials, with a total employment of about 3,000 workers.
2. The chief director was Stanisław Wojciechowski. He was assisted by the technical director, Dipl. Engineer Rubel (fmu), and an administrative director [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] Directly subordinate to the chief director was a staff of about 20 persons which included a secretariat, a secret documents office, and planning, personnel, bookkeeping, and finance sections. The technical director was responsible for the operation and production of the subordinate enterprises. He had under him the following sections: (a) Production section, with seven employees; (b) Production Control section, responsible for checking the quality of products, with four employees; (c) Investment section, with eight employees, responsible for planning and supervision of the implementation of investments in subordinate plants; (d) Chief Mechanic section, with eight employees, which was responsible for planning and supervision of capital repairs and maintenance of machinery and for supplies of spare parts, fuel, water, and electric power for the subordinate enterprises; (e) Administrative branch, which employed about 70 persons divided into several sections, such as supplies, sales, and transportation. This branch had three automobiles and two trucks.
3. The following enterprises were controlled by the Administration for Building Materials Enterprises of the Coal Industry:
 - a. Bytom Building Materials Enterprise for the Coal Industry (Bytomskie Zakłady Materialów Budowlanych Przemysłu Węglowego).

This enterprise was located in Bytom and controlled about ten brick factories, several small limestone quarries, and several gravel and sand pits; all of these were located in the northern part of the Bytom area and each employed from 50 to 70 workers.

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- b. Rybnik Building Materials Enterprise for the Coal Industry (Rybnickie Zakłady Materialow Budowlanych Przemyslu Weglowego).

This was the largest of the Administration's six enterprises and was located in Rybnik. It administered about 20 small brick factories, limestone quarries, and gravel and sand pits in the Rybnik area.

- c. Mysłowice Building Materials Enterprise for the Coal Industry (Mysłowickie Zakłady Materialow Budowlanych Przemyslu Weglowego).

This enterprise was located in Katowice and administered small brick factories, limestone quarries, and gravel and sand pits in the Mysłowice area.

- d. Katowice Building Materials Enterprise for the Coal Industry (Katowickie Zakłady Materialow Budowlanych Przemyslu Weglowego).

With its head office in Katowice, this enterprise administered several brick factories, limestone quarries, and gravel and sand pits in the Katowice area.

- e. Zabrze Building Materials Enterprise for the Coal Industry (Zabrzanskie Zakłady Materialow Budowlanych Przemyslu Weglowego).

This enterprise, in Zabrze, supervised brick factories in the Zabrze area.

[redacted] each of the above-mentioned enterprises had between 80 and 100 administrative employees.

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- f. Enterprise for Production of Prefabricated Units for the Coal Industry (Przedsiębiorstwo Prefabrykacji Przemyslu Weglowego).

The enterprise's head office was located on Zgodańska Street in Katowice. It was organized in 1957 and administered four large factories in: Strzemieszyce (N 50-19, E 19-17), Krzyżanowice (N 50-01, E 20-26), Bolecin (N 50-08, E 19-29), and Sosnowiec. In 1957 all four factories were being expanded; they produced mainly steel reinforced-concrete prefabricated units for use in coal mines in place of wooden boards and mine props. Other prefabricated units were in the process of development. In addition to the four above-mentioned factories, the enterprise also administered several small prefabricated unit shops which were engaged in the production of prefabricated units from slag.

4. [redacted] the Administration for Building Material Enterprises of the Coal Industry was a well-organized and operated administrative office. It had experienced and efficient personnel at its head office as well as in the above-mentioned regional enterprises. It supplied about 80 percent of the building materials needed for the coal mines. [redacted] the quality of manufactured products, especially bricks, was high. The Administration produced only first class bricks which were of a much higher quality than those in the large factories controlled by the Ministry of the Construction and Building Materials Industry and by the local cooperatives. The only difficulty experienced by the factories and plants administered by the Administration was a shortage of heavy machinery and equipment for production of bricks, such as modern rotary ovens and dryers. [redacted] in most of the Polish brick factories the old Hoffman Ovens were still in use. The manufactured bricks and other building materials were transported to individual coal mines, mainly by railway. In some cases, the coal mines used their own transportation for deliveries of building materials from local plants and quarries.

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5. [redacted] four executive employees of the Administration [redacted]

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